

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI NEWS

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The Institute of Mediaeval Studies

The Institute of Mediaeval Studies is entering this fall upon its ninth year of existence with a staff of eleven instructors, well equipped for their particular fields of scientific endeavour, and a registration of approximately thirty-five students.

Within the brief period of its activity, the Institute has given birth to many valuable achievements, the principal of which is a deeper penetration into the mind of the Middle Ages, which its graduates are spreading far and wide from within the walls of other institutions of learning.

Next January, a new publication of mediaeval studies, prepared by the staff, is expected to make its appearance. The succeeding issues of this publication will appear at irregular intervals.

Professor Gilson is lecturing this term on "The Mediaeval Background of Realism," and is conducting seminars in the philosophy of St. Albert the Great. A course of ten lectures dealing with special problems in philosophy will be given by Professor Maritain during January. To

date, the Institute, through the University of Toronto, has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on nine of its graduates. In addition to these, two graduates are candidates for the reception of this degree this fall, while eight students are preparing to receive it next spring.

The graduates are teaching at the following institutions: — A. Pegis, Ph.D., W. O'Meara, Ph.D., E. Chapman, Ph.D., D. Sullivan, M.A., Fordham University Graduate School of Philosophy; D. Morris, Ph.D., Loyola University, Chicago; D. Walsh, Ph.D., Sacred Heart College, New York, and Columbia University; J. McIsaac, M.A., Nazareth College, Rochester, N.Y.; V. Bourke, M.A., R. Thompson, M.A., St. Louis, University, St. Louis; G. Gillespie, M.A., St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Rev. Gerard Smith, S.J., Ph.D., Marquette University; Rev. E. Garvey, C.S.B., Ph.D., Assumption College; Rev. Bernard McAvoy, C.S.C., M.A., University of Notre Dame.

Father Gerald Kirby, Ph.D., is Pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Church, Toronto.

TEEFY PORTRAIT

At the request of a group of Father Teefy's "Boys," a portrait of Father Teefy has recently been completed by Mr. Cyril Brady, '09. It is destined to hang in Teefy Hall. The presentation and unveiling is scheduled for the annual meeting of the Alumni next summer. Those who have seen the result have been unstinted in their praise of Cyril's work. May it be the first in a long line of portraits of the builders of St. Michael's.

ALUMNI NOTES

Do you know any items of interest about any of your fellow alumni which the whole crowd would like to have? We are all interested in the doings of the Old Boys. How about sending along a few words to the Secretary telling about your own doings or bringing to light some one we have not been able to contact as yet?

THE SCHOOL

We can report, once more, an increased enrollment this year, taxing all available accommodation. There are 450 boys in the High School and 350 men in the University. In Graduate Studies, about 50 men are proceeding to higher degrees. Every Canadian

province and Newfoundland are represented in the student body. In the Freshman Class, there are 75 American students drawn from seven States of the Union. For the first time, our refectory has been found inadequate, and two shifts are necessary. The whisper is about that a new refectory and assembly hall will appear before long.

WHERE THEY ARE

During the summer, many of the Basilian Old Boys were appointed to new fields.

Fathers J. Walsh, C. Donovan, A. O'Brien, E. Welty, B. O'Donnell, N. Ruth, D. Burns and J. Wey are back at St. Michael's.

Fathers J. O'Loane, D. Dillon, P. Mallon, T. Vahey, F. Sheehy, H. Haffey, W. Kehoe, are among the 20 Basilians at Aquinas Institute, Rochester, N.Y., looking after the 1,100 boys at that school.

Fathers C. Kelly, J. Spratt, J. Sullivan are at the parish in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Father J. McGuire has returned to St. Thomas College, Houston, Texas.

Father V. Thompson is the new superior of St. Mary's School, Calgary. Fathers D. Corrigan and E. Hartmann are still holding forth there.

Fathers L. Rush and G. Anglin returned to St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, to continue their work for another year.

LOCAL UNITS

Plans have been completed for the first meeting of the year of a local unit. The Old Boys of New York and the neighbourhood are assembling on November 12th in the Columbia Faculty Union. Father McCorkell will be present at this meeting.

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A Scranton meeting, early in the New Year, seems to be the wish of various members from that district. Our genial general president, Father Jack McAuley, promises to be present on that occasion.

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It has always been the custom in the past for the College to have a dinner on the evening of the Graduation exercises, at which the new graduates meet some of the older graduates. The organizers of the Toronto Unit are planning on making that the occasion of the first meeting of the Toronto Group next June.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

This term sees the inauguration of a new feature at St. Michael's, four series of evening lectures on social questions. These are being held in Teefy Hall and have received a favourable response from study club leaders and others throughout the city who are interested in social problems.

ALUMNI FEES

The response, this year, to the appeal for the payment of your alumni fees was the best yet. But there is still a long way to go before we have a sufficient number to carry on the work of the organization effectively.

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The fees are two dollars for the calendar year. If you have not already paid yours for 1937, why not attend to that little job now?

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The appeal for the 1938 fees will go out shortly after the New Year. The Thurable, which is the Alumni and Student Annual, is published each year at Easter time. It is sent to the Alumni for one dollar.

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If you are remiss for the present year, why not fold up a five spot and send it along to the Secretary and know that your Conscience can be easy on the score of the Alumni for these two years?

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One of the pressing needs at the College now is for a fund to help deserving students. The scope of this work can be enlarged tremendously with the financial assistance of the members of the Alumni, who can co-operate by paying their fees. If you are instrumental in aiding one potential Catholic leader, your Alma Mater can well be proud of you.

Congratulations to —

Rev. Francis J. Gostomski, '07, on his organization of the Catholic Farmers of the Cherry Valley Missions, which includes the Catholic Farmers of an area of about 500 square miles in the centre of New York State. The purpose of the organization is to help in solving the spiritual and temporal problems of the farmers of this area.

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Rev. Cowell O'Neil, '14, on his appointment as Director of Rural Life for the diocese of Leavenworth, Kansas, and on his work at the Summer School of Catholic Action during the past summer.

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Rev. Arthur O'Brien, B.A., '20, the new rector of the Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

Mr. J. E. Tallon, father of the late Rev. Edward Tallon, C.S.B., B.A., '20, and of William Tallon, B.A., '26, on his reception of the Knighthood of St. Gregory, in recognition of his years of service in the cause of Catholic Education.

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Russ. Callahan, B.A., '26, on his appointment as District Manager of the Retail Credit Association for Eastern Ontario.

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Rev. Bernard Harrigan, B.A., '26, the new principal of Cathedral High in Hamilton.

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Mr. Paul Martin, B.A., '25, M.P. of Windsor, on his recent marriage.

In Memoriam

Rev. G. F. Whibbs, '84, Peterborough,	June 2, 1937
Dr. Francis A. Keenan, '98, Newport, R.I.,	May 28, 1937
Hector Alfonso, '34-'36, Colombia, S.A.,	Aug. 6, 1937
John McMasters, '26, Toronto,	Aug. 9, 1937
Dr. Harold H. Halloran, '17, Toronto,	Oct. 3, 1937
Rev. M. E. Loftus, '90, Dummore, Pa.,	Oct. 5, 1937
Rt. Rev. H. Sweeney, '89, Barrie, Ont.,	Oct. 13, 1937
Rev. E. Kelly, LL.D., Toronto, '99.	
Rev. Hugh McDevitt, '10, Shawnee, Kansas.	

